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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 11, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on August 11, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendment and remarks.